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CANCER SCARE — BUT BOYLE CAME BACK

The man who came back — that is the so far unrevealed story of West Adelaide's ace midfielder, Peter Boyle.

Very few people know that Peter Boyle was told in April of last year that he had cancer and would never play soccer again.

West Adelaide president, Dr Arthur Zaikos, knows the story because it was he who first informed me that he suspected that Peter Boyle had cancer of the lymphatic system and we should look for a replacement.

This was in Adelaide in early April. I was coach of West Adelaide and Peter had just arrived from Scotland to join us.

He had a huge swelling on the side of his neck. Following an examination, Dr Zaikos was almost sure it was lymphatic cancer.

Peter was sent to hospital where he stayed for a week.

They drilled a hole in his spine, cut out the growth in his neck for further examination, then injected his body with dye and x-rayed every part of it.

At the end of the week, the surgeon who had conducted this extensive analysis, told Peter grimly that, yes — it was lymphatic cancer, he would not be able to do active physical exercise again.

I know this because I, along with Peter's wife, were the only people there when the surgeon pronounced his verdict.

To date, I have not revealed the story out of respect for the privacy of Peter and his wife, even though they had never asked me not to reveal it.

However, in the light of his remarkable form this year, I believe his amazing story should now be told.

When the surgeon gave his verdict of doom, Peter's wife broke down and cried.

Peter swallowed hard, but kept a strong grip on himself and I admired him for his courage at that moment.

After being released from hospital, Peter did not train for a while but then, he informed me that he felt well enough and that he would like to train.

So he began training while taking numerous tablets for his condition.

It was quickly obvious that he had a ton of skill,

especially dribbling, and was a good finisher but it took him a long time to build up strength and stamina.

Yet, by mid-June, he was able to play his first full game in the first team.

It was at Hindmarsh against South Melbourne Hellas, for whom guest player Malcolm Macdonald was also playing his first game.

We drew 1-1, with Macdonald scoring from the spot for South Melbourne and Peter getting our goal.

MIKE
JOHNSON.

The Peter Boyle success story had begun.

Such are the ironies of soccer that the same game marked the end of the Mike Johnson-West Adelaide connection.

After losing only twice in all friendly and competition matches from January to June, each by one goal — there was a parting of the ways and I

returned to Sydney. Peter still has a track suit top which I loaned him and periodically I get messages, the latest a few weeks ago from Jim Adam, that Peter will return it soon.

The track suit is in the colors of the Australian team, which could be a good omen for Peter.

His brilliant form this year has not gone unnoticed.

Rudi Gutendorf cannot fail to admire his marvellous close skills and tremendous com-

piteness.

Peter's enthusiasm, energy and great love for the game are contagious.

They have epitomised the best qualities of West Adelaide this season.

Peter plays as though every game was his last.

No doubt, he still remembers those April words of doom which told him he had played his last.

His success story is truly remarkable, as is that of the club he has represented so well this year.



West Adelaide's Peter Boyle, tackled by Arthur McMillan of Fitzroy Alexander.

ROONEY HEADS FOR VICTORIA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Jimmy Rooney will quit Marconi and return to Melbourne in December.

He will probably join Fitzroy Alexander or South Melbourne Hellas.

Rooney's wife and child have been living in Melbourne for some time, while he has been travelling to and from Sydney to see them. His wife's mother also lives in Melbourne.

"We've always wanted to go back to Melbourne and it's now 99% certain that I'll make the move at the end of the season," Rooney said on Monday.

Rooney's contract with Marconi has one more year to run, but he is confident that the club will release him.

Marconi paid a \$4500 transfer fee when it bought him from APIA at the start of last season. He is captain of Marconi.

Capped almost 50 times for Australia, Rooney says he is still feeling as fit as ever and hopes to be included in the

national squad of new coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"Who knows, I might even be there when we play in the next World Cup," he said.

Rooney arrived from Scotland in 1968 and spent two seasons with Victorian State League club Lions, with whom he won the 1969-Victorian Argus Medal.

He then had two seasons in Sydney with Prague, and five seasons with APIA before joining Marconi.

"I've enjoyed my two years with Marconi. It's a great club," Rooney said.

Asked to pinpoint the reason for Marconi's many failures in the second half of the seasons, Rooney said:

"It probably started when Gary Byrne left to try his luck in West Germany. That left a hole in the team."

"Also, everyone wanted to beat us when we were on top, and so, pressure was on us in every game."

"Also, other teams woke up to our best players. To combat Peter Sharne, for example, the other teams usually kept two men well back."

"When Fitzroy Alexander gave us our first defeat, we went into a

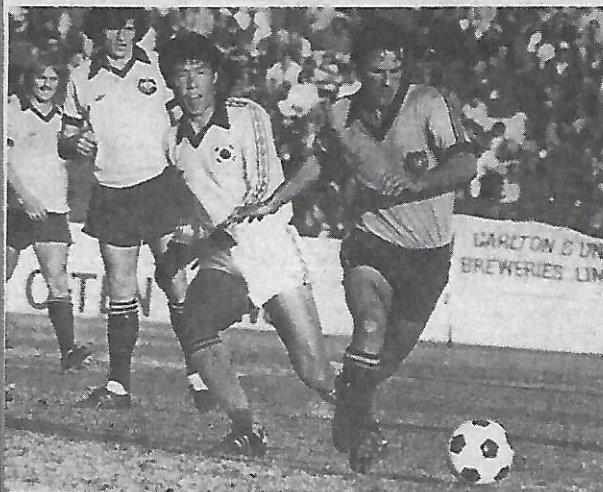
Adelaide, Hakoah and South Melbourne. It was only Jack Reilly who saved South Melbourne.

Marty Crook also had a blinder against us. We were making goalkeepers all over the place. They were getting six votes out of five."

Rooney came to Australia together with John Gardiner and Jimmy Smart who both represented Victoria and played for George Cross.

At one stage, Rooney was close to joining them at George Cross, but changed his mind.

"I'm looking forward to coming back," Rooney said. "Melbourne's always been home to me."



Jimmy Rooney breaks away from Cha Bum Keun during Australia's World Cup game against South Korea last year. Attila Abonyi and Peter Ollerton are in the background.

And now a new rule, just for Adelaide

Two grand finals will be played if West Adelaide Hellas beats Marconi in their semi-final at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

PSL manager John Frank said this would be done to please supporters in both cities.

However, if Marconi beats West Adelaide to earn the right to meet Hakoah in the final, there will be only one match — probably on a neutral ground in Sydney.

Thus the PSL has come up with yet another quaint innovation which must be

unique in the world — two rules for the same competition.

Surely, if a "second chance" is fair for one set of finalists, it is also fair for another set. There's nothing wrong with a two-legged final, but such a rule must be of equal advantage to all competitors.

And if it is introduced for the PSL grand final, it

must surely be used also for the Philips Cup final.

West Adelaide Hellas will be strengthened for its match with Marconi by the return of David Pillans, Neil McGachey and Ian McGregor, who were both absent as Hellas lost 2-3 to Hakoah during extra time in Adelaide last Sunday.

Marconi will be unchanged unless Mark Jankovic recovers from the injury that kept him out of the 3-2 victory over South Melbourne Hellas.

in the Melbourne semi-final.

Likely teams:
MARCONI: Allan Maher — Barry Jones, Ivo Praskalo, John Russell, Paul Denehy — Stuart Salvage or Mark Jankovic, Roberto Vieri, Jimmy Rooney — Bertie Mariani, Peter Ollerton, Peter Sharne.

WEST ADELAIDE — Marty Crook — Barry Reynolds, David Jones, Con Kampas, Peter Tymczyszyn — Vic Bozanic, Neil McGachey, Peter Boyle — Graham Honeyman, Dave Pillans, Ian McGregor.

—LAURIE SCHWAB.

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DEPLETED WESTS DOWN AFTER VALIANT FIGHT

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Can a side play without three of its key players, lose a fourth during the game, play a crucial period with 10 men and beat a powerful, skilled team?

The answer is "almost".

That's what happened at Hindmarsh Stadium as Hakoah beat West Adelaide-Hellas 3-2 after extra time in an absorbing but heated affair.

NELL McGACHEY (suspended), **Dave Pillans** and **Ian McGregor** (both injured) dropped out of the side while **Graham Norris** was sent off during extra time.

But despite these handicaps West Adelaide charged to a two-goal lead in the first 14 minutes.

Nippy striker **George Koulianis** opened the scoring with a screaming 25-metre shot which **Todd Clarke** didn't see and two minutes later **Barry Reynolds** spurned the ball home from the tightest of angles.

Hakoah recovered to reduce the deficit six minutes later when **Ian Souness** scored from close range.

And when **Murray Barnes** equalised in the 53rd minute with a great header, it looked as though Hakoah would coast home.

But it didn't happen that way.

Inspired by Australia's best goalkeeper **Marty Crook** and resilient defender **Con Kampas**, West Adelaide defended with great determination and courage.

And with the end of normal time approaching, **Vic Bozanic** and **Gregory Campbell** produced two superb efforts which almost produced the winner.

First Bozanic hit a piledriver

which Clarke couldn't hold and on the rebound Bozanic belted it wide.

With three minutes left **Honeyman** swept past four defenders and struck a ferocious shot which went inches wide of the target.

The extra time period looked like petering out into a stalemate but Hakoah's hopes were raised when **Clarke** who ran and tackled hard all day, was sent off for a tackle on **Silva**.

But again West Adelaide lifted, and Honeyman saw a powerful header brilliantly stopped by Clarke.

However they were to finally concede the important goal in the 117th minute when **Campbell** scored from a scrummage.

It was a deserving goal but against a depleted team who finished the game without a recognised striker, it certainly cast doubt about Hakoah's attempts to win the competition and the Phillips Cup last Saturday.

West Adelaide travels to Sydney to clash with Rail Rascals' Marconi in what will be like a Cup final.

West Adelaide will be strengthened with the return of **McGacheay**, **Pillans** and **McGregor** but **Norris** will be missing.

Hellas face an enormous task but the knowledge that victory will earn them a place in the final chance of shocking Hakoah and the wet, slippery conditions looked tailor-made for an upset.

But within four minutes Cumberland charged to a 1-0 lead with a penalty kick from **Brian Welsh** after a defender had

PSL semi final — WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Koulianis, Reynolds), HAKOAH-EASTS 3 (Souness, Barnes, Campbell) at Hindmarsh, crowd about 4800.

Players ratings:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 7, Tymczyszyn 6, Jones 7, Kampas 9, Honeyman 7, Norris 8, Zervas 6 (Pantelis 5), Koulianis 6 (Anderson).

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Thompson 7, O'Connor 7, Mowbray 7 (Campbell), Stevenson 7, Watson 8, Barnes 9 (Trenter), Smith 7, Silva 7.

A double to Cumberland

Rothmans League champions Cumberland swept aside Campbelltown 3-0 to grab the South Australian Federation Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday.

Cumberland were never in danger of failing to complete the double and despite a few anxious moments always had the measure of the second division champions.

Cumberland had high hopes of shocking Cumberland and the wet, slippery conditions looked tailor-made for an upset.

Cumberland took charge of the game with a 59th minute goal from **Tim Denney** who cracked a powerful shot from outside the penalty area.

Cumberland wrapped up the match in the 69th minute when **David Mahony** headed **David Leane's** cross from point blank range.

Cumberland tightened their grip in the last 20 minutes and came close to adding a fourth.

Meanwhile Campbelltown refused to give up and battled in vain till the end.

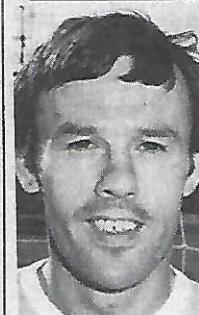
And so Cumberland won the cup by three goals as I predicted last month after both sides had qualified for the final.

Cumberland were certainly delighted with victory to key players, but I doubt whether they would have had a bearing on the result.

Cumberland now have their sights set on the Coca Cola Cup which will be contested by the top four sides.

They play Croatia on Saturday and the following week Azurri play Polonia. The winners meet in the final.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS



● Allan Maher saves one-handed

ROBERTO VIERI must love playing at Middle Park. No wonder, for this is the best soccer surface in Australia and Vieri is the most skilful ball player we have.

When Marconi beat Hellas 3-0 in their first league clash early this year, Vieri earned a 10-point rating with an uncanny exhibition of soccer skills and leadership.

And in the preliminary final against Hellas the majestic Italian midfielder was again a star attraction.

Vieri, who played with so many of Italy's top First Division clubs, is without doubt one of the very best midfielders to play in Australia — if not the best.

No one is better than he — not even greats like **Mladenovic**, **Blanco**, **Janczyk**, **Warren**, **Micic**, **Mackay**, **Tamandini**.

Vieri was in everything in the preliminary final. Every ball that came out of defence went to Vieri. Every forward pass that created a scoring chance came from Vieri. He was the only player to have ball hundreds of times — no wonder he looked tired at the end. Let's not forget that he's well over 30 and his best days are behind him. Imagine what he was like when he was younger!

It was Hellas' failure to mark Vieri that contributed heavily to the home team's narrow defeat.

And it was the brilliance of sweeper **Ivan Prskalo** that denied the Hellas forwards so often.

Let's have a look at the performances of the other players in the final. First, Marconi:

Prskalo and Vieri shine, and a goal by Ollerton

By LAURIE SCHWAB

PSL preliminary final:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Cummings 41st., Evans 55th.) **MARCONI** 3 (Jones 1st., Sharne 8th., Ollerton 44th) at Middle Park, crowd about 6200.

Teams, with player ratings:

HELLAS: Reilly 8; Kalafatidis 7, Baxter 5, Munro 7, Hagegmanouli (Kent 7, 18th min); Lutton 7, Christopoulos 7, Wright 7, Rogers 8; Cummings 8, Evans 8.

MARCONI: Maher 8; Jones 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 9, Denney 7; Salvage 6, Vieri 9, Rooney 7; Mariani 7, Ollerton 7, Sharne 8.

ALLAN MAHER: Had no chance to stop Hellas' two goals, a near-post header from a tight group shot. Denney, Cumberland just inside the post, and a well-placed header by **Alun Evans** from a free kick by **Frank Munro**. It was in the second half that Marconi excelled, saving a goal for Marconi by making spectacular saves from **Sammy Wright**, **George Christopoulos**, and **Alun Evans**.

BARRY JONES: A good game from the right back who missed much of the season after breaking an arm. Was well-placed at the far post to clear Marconi's second goal. In the first half he did a great job of covering and clearing the ball from **Paul Denney** which was missed in the middle by **Bertie Mariani** and then the Hellas defenders turned on him, on several occasions quite well against the midfielders coming through from deep positions, and also contributed to the attack.

JOHN RUSSELL: Had a fiery battle with **Alun Evans**, and lost it narrowly. Evans hit Russell with everything he had in the first half and Russell did a brilliant job of holding off the ball, often putting Russell into difficulties. However, Russell continued to fight hard and it was his constant commitment that thwarted many attacks by other Hellas players.

IVO PRSKALO: The finest sweeper in the competition. Prskalo did an excellent job of covering and clearing balls that got past the defenders in front of him.

Let's have a look at the performances of the other players in the final. First, Marconi:

PSL seeks secretary

The Philips League is to advertise for a league secretary who will control the day-to-day running of the league.

PSL manager John Frank will be responsible for promotion and marketing.

League chairman Sam Papasavas said the new secretary would be a man with experience in soccer administration.

Paul Denney, chairman of the PSL, said the new secretary would be a man with experience in soccer administration.

Stuart Selvage, chairman of the PSL, said the new secretary would be a man with experience in soccer administration.

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APIA WOULD PAY OWN FARES IN PHILIPS LEAGUE

After spending nine months compiling a submission, NSW State League club APIA-Leichhardt applied for membership of the Philips League yesterday (Tuesday).

It is seeking admission to the PSL for the 1979 season and is offering to pay its own air fares.

APIA's bid for PSL membership is backed by one major sponsor and 12 smaller sponsors.

The major sponsor and the APIA social club are each prepared to put a six-figure sum into the soccer club.

There is also a sponsor for the cost of the air fares.

APIA has started a petition asking all members to attend all home matches next season. So far, it bears 4958 signatures. The petition will be sent to PSL headquarters when at least 8000 people have signed it.

The APIA social club has 15,000 members. Up to the start of the 1977 season, when the PSL kicked off without APIA, the club was consistently the best-supported in NSW.

Twelve months ago, it appointed a five-man

committee to prepare a detailed submission for PSL membership.

The submission says the club is prepared to recruit nine top-class players to make the team strong enough for PSL competition next season.

APIA president Nick Papallo, a solicitor, said yesterday: "When the PSL commenced in 1977, members were shocked to hear that APIA, the premier soccer club in NSW, was not interested in joining the new league.

"We regret very much APIA's refusal to join. We realise how great was our mistake.

"If soccer in this country continues to progress as ASF presi-

dent Sir Arthur George and his executive visualise it is up to all senior clubs, especially clubs like APIA, to rally behind the ASF with all the support they can muster.

"As soon as the ASF and the PSL give us the go-ahead, we will appoint a full-time coach.

"We are also considering the possibility of appointing a man on a full-time basis to control the soccer administration.

"A strong APIA in the PSL would stimulate the code crowd-wise. There are about 100,000 Italians in Sydney and at times, 20,000 of them supported the APIA team."

Gutendorf back on Tuesday

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will return from West Germany to start his appointment on Tuesday.

He will land in Melbourne, where he will meet the Press.

From Melbourne he will fly to Sydney where he will be stationed.



Hellas' brilliant forward Chris Kent made a comeback after injury — at left back. Here he is flying in front of Peter Sharne. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

of them, Evans scored Hellas' second goal. Another excellent ball from Munro, aimed in from off Bertie Lutton on the run, almost resulted in a goal.

BERTIE LUTTON: The brilliant winger, out for most of the season due to injury, made his return at left back, replacing Margaritis Hagegeamanou in the 18th minute. He had both hands full with Peter Sharne but played well against the speedy winner.

BERTIE LUTTON: Worked hard and got into position for some good shots that were either over the bar or with Hellas playing mainly long balls forward, Lutton was rarely able to show his damaging ball-play which may have caused Marconi greater problems.

SAMMY WILSON: Sam Wilson could have been a goal when he robbed Peter Ollerton from behind, as Ollerton steamed for a shot inside the penalty area. Told away relentlessly in the midfield, and after a few minutes on the left wing in the second half to deliver some damaging crosses.

BILLY ROGERS: The most prominent Hellas midfielder because he fought his way through and won the ball often. Unfortunately he rarely managed to get into position for a crack at goal, or a header. Nevertheless, it was an admirable performance.

GEORGE CHRISTOPoulos: His first game back after the Australian schoolboys' American tour. Perhaps not as prominent as the other midfielders but did a lot of unobtrusive work that was valuable. The unlucky to have a powerful drive stopped by Maher, after Cummings had laid the ball in his path.

DUNCAN CUMMINGS: Scored the goal that put Hellas back into the game. After a good run, driving the ball accurately past Maher after a long lob from Christopoulos. Always alert to the slightest chance, he almost scored again but the moment when he ran onto a pass from Rogers, swivelled past Russell and hooked the ball back from the near post, only to see it go narrowly across the face of goal. A few minutes earlier he had robbed Ollerton of the ball in midfield and passed square to Evans whose shot was stopped by Maher.

ALUN EVANS: As stated earlier, had a tussling battle with John Russell in the first half but found a lot more space in the second half, when Hellas was pushing everyone into attack to support the front runner. He had a good goal from Munro's free kick which was a gem and he continued to threaten more times than could count.

Marconi won the game because it scored two goals in the first eight minutes — both due to bad decisions by Hellas.

During the first half hour, Marconis' excellent ball-play and back-up made Hellas look like bedraggled gamblers around the Hellas midfielders and strikers became more determined.



Alun Evans has the better of Roberto Vieri in this encounter.

When Cummings made it 2-1, Hellas looked to be back in it but Ollerton's goal a minute from half time re-established a commanding lead for Marconi.

Ollerton would have put Marconi further ahead if it wasn't after half time but not even for Ollerton and that let-off spurred the Hellas players to greater heights.

Evans scored to make it 3-2 and Hellas bombarded the goal, only to find Maher in international form.

Crushed by all their unsuccessful effort, the Hellas players faded again near the end of the game, when Marconi hit back hard, forcing him to retreat.

As it was, Hellas was eliminated from the finals and will take no further part in soccer this year.

ing Reilly into action to leave the scoreline at 3-2.

Hellas played too much of the high-ball game, to which Prakalo and Russell became so accustomed. Had they used more variation, the Hellas players may have scored the goal that would have pushed the match into extra time.

And Bell — yes, there is a Bell on the shopping list, but his first name is Peter and he's from Aldershot, not Manchester City.

It was Newcastle's turn four minutes later when Neil Endacott broke away but was illegally brought down by Peter Wilson on the edge of the penalty area for a fruitless free kick.

Endacott who started the game suffering from stomach cramps, had to be replaced by Lloyd Hardes in the 25th minute when he was unable to continue.

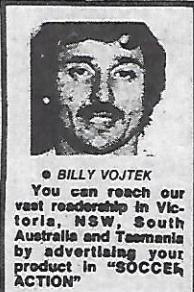
Hardes was making his first appearance after having an operation on his knee.

In the 44th minute, Ken Boden managed to slip his shackles but this time it was the experience of Terry Eaton that saved the situation.

Western Suburbs however still had to put the game together and in the 69th minute, Paul Dando who came to the rescue, in the 69th minute from a shot by Turnbull, and in the 76th from a shot by John Vernon.

But Western Suburbs' best chance in the game came in the 83rd minute when Dando made a great break from midfield and up Clive Eaton on the left but his shot was magnificently saved by Dando.

Then came the Newcastle's goal that paid off to any chance



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IT'S CROATIA'S TITLE BUT APIA FALTERS

Croatia assured themselves of their second successive Rothman's State League crown with a 5-0 win over Yugal at Sydney Sports Ground.

Croatia started slowly but sprung to life after 20 minutes.

Croatia launched their goal scoring in the 27th minute when the master Attila Abonyi took a free kick 28 metres out. His terrific drive curled around the Yugal wall giving the goalkeeper no chance as it crashed into the net.

The second goal came four minutes later when Maurice Sullivan scored after a shot by Peter Mullen had hit the upright. Sullivan also scored the third in the 37th minute when he converted a pass from Steve Brown.

Croatia quickly added to their 3-0 half time lead.

Seven minutes into the second half the Yugal goalkeeper brought down a Croatia player and was certain to score and Abonyi made no mistake with the resultant penalty.

Water Saver added number five after a Mark Layton shot had been pushed out by the goalkeeper.

There were several outstanding players in Croatia's side but defenders like Attila Abonyi and Sullivan were the stars.

Best for Yugal were defender Zivko Trkulja and mid-fielder Peter Cuk.

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APIA'S last chance to maintain credit as semi-final contenders evaporated when they conceded them 2-1 at Lamont Park.

Winning 14 first-half corners, the Maroons made opportunities galore but they completely failed to conquer a valiant Avila defence.

Striker Gary Bateman chested home Avila's first goal as early as the tenth minute.

Alan Griffiths took a quick throw, Eddie Patterson accelerated to cut back the ball from the by-line, and rangy young Bateman did the rest. APIA controlled the game with deft passes from Terry Butler, but the little half-fielder was sorely handicapped by a knock to his right leg.

It was Butler who put APIA on level terms in the 38th minute with a 20-metre half volley clipping the underside of the crossbar. Butler's injury forced his replacement by Alan Linn in the 58th minute.

The winning goal came in the 53rd minute when a pass from Avila fullback George Krejza came across the pitch to the APIA defence. Right-winger Paul Jancek to drive it low under APIA goalkeeper Mike Fraser.

The game produced a fine effort from Avila's young goalkeeper Graham Rimmer.

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Marrickville Olympic kept alive the remote chance of sneaking into the semi-finals convincingly beating Granville 3-0 at Garside Park.

In a hard-fought and entertaining game, Olympic had the more chances but Granville...

Ross Brown nearly put Olympic in the lead straight from the kick-off but his shot from about 15 metres hit the crossbar and was cleared. Olympic took the lead in the 18th minute when winner Peter Balas went through the Granville defence to score with a shot from 12 metres.

Ten minutes after the interval, Olympic went further ahead with a

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Arncille v Granville, Seymour Shaw.

Manly v Sutherland, Cromer Park.

Auburn v M'ville Olympic, Garside Park.

Cronulla Monaro, Sports Ground.

Bankstown v Apia, Soccer Centre.

Yugal v Melita, Concord Oval.

Avila v Toongabbie, to be announced.

goal by Ross Brown from a Steve Kable corner.

Granville goalkeeper Barry Hoare partly stopped the header from Brown but could not stop Brown from finishing it off from five metres.

Balas put the final seal on the game three minutes from the end when he scored an easy goal from ten metres following a pass by Peter Balas.

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Toongabbie continued their winning run and made it two wins in two days with a 1-0 win over a game Manly side at Cromer Park.

Many managed to get only a couple of shots on the Toongabbie goal but kept trying to the end.

Goal build-up by the Toongabbie forwards led to the only goal of the game in the 19th minute when Jim Izatt slipped the ball to Carlos Ortega for him to score from eight metres.

John Dick had a good game from Manly and a 30-metre drive from him went just wide of the post.

In the goalless second half, Toongabbie were the more skilful side and Bruce Dohm did well to outwit the Manly goal line when Jim Izatt, Hector Gerle and Rick Hormazabal all played well for Toongabbie.

In the closing stages both Bob O'Hagan and Scott Beverley had good scoring chances for Manly but their shots were off target.

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Auburn kept their slim semi-final hopes alive by defeating Monaro 3-1 at M'ville Olympic.

But the two points were not secure until the 70th minute when Bruce Tilt ran home a Terry Bertram pass.

The score before Tilt's goal was 2-1 after Auburn's giant defender Kevin Dobson had given a bad back pass for Monaro's John Morello.

Monaro started to put their game together but Tilt's goal brought the shutters down for the visiting team.

Auburn opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Willie Hamill converted a penalty after Andy Tracey had been brought down by three defenders.

Auburn scored their second goal in the 24th minute when the keeper Ron Glabour kicked on a long ball.

Monaro defender Ian Cumming mishandled the kick and Mick Stevenson snuck in behind cumming to side foot the ball into the net.

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Sutherland were lucky to escape with a 1-1 draw against lowly Arncille at Barton Park.

Arncille could well have taken both points if they had passed the ball in the second half.

For the first 45 minutes, methodical build-ups by the Sutherland team allowed them to dominate play and constantly menace the Arncille goal.

It was not team work, however, which gave Sutherland a lead, but a brilliant individual effort by Bruce Dohm.

Picking up the ball in midfield in the 25th minute, he beat three tackles and calmly placed the ball past the Arncille goalkeeper.

Arncille dominated, but rarely looked dangerous in attack.

After half time, Sutherland's system and method fell away as Arncille began to move forward and score goals of their own.

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Arncille deserved their draw, if only for their refusal to give in under pressure. The Sutherland team showed poor form for a club which is almost certain to be taking part in the semi-finals.

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A doubtful penalty to Melita in the second minute of injury time cost relegation-threatened Bankstown a vital point in the 2-2 draw at the Soccer Centre.

Joe Farrugia scored from the penalty spot and the Bankstown's Greg Lynch and Melita's Terry Jones caused the referee to signal the penalty.

Brian Pollard had put Melita in the lead in the game when he slid a ball past Towns' defence to beat Terry Greedy in a very even matched first half.

Bankstown were having the best of the game in the second half five minutes to go when they went ahead. Chris Rootsey laid a ball off onto Craig Teck whose pass to David Morrison was crossed for Neil Williams to score.

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Marrickville Olympic's semi-final hopes were shattered when they were handed a 3-0 thrashing by Toongabbie at Glirraween Park.

Toongabbie started off brightly, controlling play in the midfield and set up many raids on the Olympic goal.

In the fourth minute, Toongabbie striker Steve Pollard made a break down the right, but Olympic keeper Peter Bartels did well to save with his legs.

The Demons continued to press forward and on numerous occasions, Bartels was called on to make diving saves.

Then in the fifth-minute spell, Toongabbie broke the deadlock.

Jimmy Izatt drew two defenders and zipped Hormazabal a short pass, and his 20-metre drive crashed into the back of the net with the keeper well off his line.

Ten minutes later, Izatt scored from the penalty spot after an Olympic defender handled the ball just inside the area.

Toongabbie sealed the game in the seventh minute of the second half when Steve Pollard slammed the ball in after a pinpoint cross from Carlos Ortega.

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Clive Eaton



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Eaton takes scorer's prize

Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs has won the Konstantine Jewel Box — "Soccer Action" top scorer's award.

His prize is a Citizen Quartz Cryston watch from Konstantine Jewel Box of Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Eaton and Ken Boden of Newcastle each scored 14 goals in league matches, so we announced last week that Philips Cup matches would be

taken into account to break the deadlock.

Counting Cup matches, Eaton had 16 goals and Boden 15 going into the Newcastle v Wests quarter-final clash last Sunday.

Neither striker scored in that game, so Eaton retained his lead to win the award.

Newcastle won the Cup quarter-final 1-0 with a goal by Peter Trednick.

Boyle my choice as the best player of 1978

When Marconi was six points clear at the top of the PSL table, West Adelaide's Peter Boyle said something like: "We are now out to catch them."

That statement was typical of Boyle's confidence and his ability to inspire his team mates.

I said before the end of the championship that West Adelaide was more a team of dedicated, determined workers than one of pure skill.

However, Peter Boyle is an exception in every way, and there is no doubt that his well-knit team deserved to win the title.

The ability of Boyle and his captain Neil McGachey to inspire their colleagues and

make them constant winners, was the main reason for

West Adelaide's success.

I take Boyle ahead of McGachey on because his technical qualities are so superior to those of most other players in the league.

In short, Boyle is my choice as Player of the Year. Well done Peter, congratulations West Adelaide.

The great Attila Abonyi has joined the coaching staff of Australian Soccer Camps in Sydney — and what an acquisition this man is!

Abonyi, the playing-coach of Sydney Croatia, has participated in three World Cups — the qualifying series of 1969 and 1977 and the finals of 1974. He has represented Australia continuously since 1967.

It wrote some weeks ago that Marconi's Jimmy Rooney has not missed a match for five years.

Abonyi has an even more impressive record. He has not been out injured since 1963!

What's more, this great player who is a product of Australian coaching, has very rarely had to accept disciplinary measures from referees.

You can't imagine how pleased the kids were when Abonyi made his first appearance at the Australian Soccer Camps coaching school at the weekend.

Consequently, he announced that his club would be looking to rebuild the current squad, with the addition of three proven players.

"I'll be looking at the local market first," he said.

"If we are unsuccessful there then we'll send Joe overseas to try to sign players.

"The one thing we won't be entering into is signing overseas players by correspondence." — John Taylor

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In the "Newcastle Morning Herald", columnist Jeff Corbett listed the names of the Australian schoolboys' squad that toured North America.

They are:

Essendon Croatia v Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park.

Canberra City v Fitzroy Alexander at Bruce Stadium.

Brisbane City v Hakoah-East at Perry Park.

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The editor, Peter Desira, has been sending me a copy of each issue and I would like to thank him.

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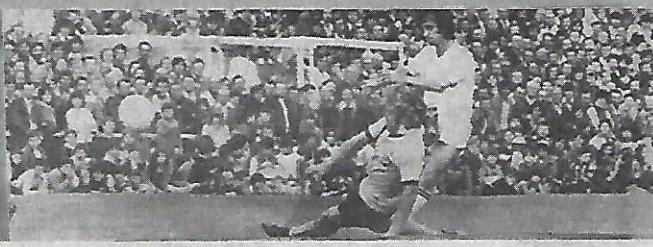


'We'll win the Cup,'

says Pat



A pictorial tribute to Pat Bannon, by photographer SAM BELFONTE. He is shown beating Newcastle's John Sneddon in a heading duel, being congratulated by team mates after scoring a goal, and trying in vain to prevent a shot by Sammy Wright of South Melbourne Hellas.



By KYLE PATTERSON

Question jovial Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon about any mistakes he's made during a game this season and you're likely to get his stock answer — "I'm getting too old!"

The barrel-chested midfielder, in his sixth season with the club admits age is catching up with him.

"I'm not as consistent as I'd like to be and that annoys me," said Bannon, one of the most sociable guys in Melbourne soccer.

"I've had more bad games than I'd have liked this season. It must be because I'm getting on a bit," he joked.

"I'd like to be playing much better, because when you're down on form you don't get much enjoyment from playing."

At 30, Pat may be nearing the end of his career, but he is in no way over the hill. However, he still hasn't made up his mind about whether he will continue to play after this year.

"We'll have to see how it goes," he said. "I'm going to have a talk with the club but I haven't made up my mind yet."

"My contract runs for another year, so I'll probably play for another season. It's up in the air at the moment. I'm not sure what I'll do."

You can bet the shirt on your back that Bannon will do everything possible to keep Bannon playing! Imported from Scotland midway through the 1972 season, he's the longest serving player in the club's current first team squad, and he's very popular among Alexander's fans.

Leaving Alexander would be a big wrench for Bannon. He's enjoyed his time with the club so much that he regards being signed by Fitzroy as a lucky break!

"When a player comes out to Australia as I did," he explains, "he doesn't know what goes on in the local scene. He looks at the names Hellas, Alexander, Hakoah and so on, and they don't mean anything. It's not until you arrive that you find out which are the good clubs."

"I was lucky Fitzroy contacted me in Scotland. The club's got good support and treats players very well. I've been very happy here."

Bannon said that the club's fans never cease to amaze him.

"I've never seen soccer fans as fanatical as the Greeks," said Pat. "You just can't describe the way they feel about soccer. It's their whole life."

"When I first started with the club, we won a lot of games. The Greeks went daft; it was just amazing. Of course, when you're losing they go the opposite way. But they are very exciting to play for."

Before coming to Australia, Bannon played junior soccer in Scotland. In Scottish soccer, the junior league is the step below the professional ranks, not a competition for young players as the term 'junior' may suggest.

He played for Tranent and then for Broxburn. Pat's brother, Vince, played in the same

league, but with other teams, as did other Alexander imports George Gillan, Sam Cook, Frank Donachie and Ian Gibson.

Vince now plays with Frankston City, after having won the 1973 Rothmans Medal with Alexander. As the history books show, Pat emulated his brother's feat by winning the medal the following year.

There are two other soccer-playing Bannon brothers. Ged is with Frankston City with Vince, and Eamon, reputedly the best of all the Bannons, is with Scottish Premier League club Hearts.

Pat arrived at Alexander when the club was on the bottom of the State League. The boost given by the 'Scottish brigade' lifted the club to the respectable fifth position by the end of the season.

'If it weren't for the Greeks soccer would be dead in Melbourne. The support they give to the game has kept soccer going.'

Pat found the State League to be on par with the junior league in his homeland, the difference being that the Scottish competition was more physical.

"You had more time to play the ball in the State League," said Pat. "The crowds were a bit bigger in Victoria. We'd average about 500 for a league game back home, with maybe 4,500 at a cup final."

The highlight of 1972 was Alexander's victory over arch rival South Melbourne Hellas. The game was played at Middle Park, and Hellas was on top of the league at the time. It was the first time Alexander had beaten Hellas.

"We won 4-2," said Pat, "and our fans went nuts. Since then, we've had the better of Hellas."

The year 1973 was a let-down for Pat, because he thought Alexander had a great chance of winning the league, but finished third.

In the Dockerty Cup final of that year, Alexander went down 0-1 to Hakoah.

"It was a big disappointment losing that final," reflected Pat. "The trouble was, we had the cup won before the ball was kicked. We should have won 5-1, but lost by the odd goal."

Pat's contract with Alexander expired at the end of the 1973 season, but he re-signed because he liked the place.

1974 was Pat's best year in Australian soccer.

"I played a lot of good games," he said modestly, "but I never thought I'd win the Rothmans Medal. The big thing was the car,

Alexander skipper wants Philips League clubs to play in Ampol series

which was the prize in the Player of the Year award run by "The Age" and Channel 9. However, I was surprised I won anything.

1975 brought more success, this time in the form of the State League championship.

However, in 1976, Alexander slumped badly, finishing fifth.

1977 saw the beginning of the Philips Soccer League.

"The national league's done a lot for the game," said Pat. "For a start, Alexander had a much stronger playing squad for the first season in, and many other clubs improved their playing staffs. This lifted the standard straight away."

"The league's even better this season. It's very competitive, and far more even than the State League. There's a lot of interest, which can only be good for the game."

However, there's one modernisation brought by the establishment of the P.S.L. that doesn't please Pat.

"The season is very long," he said, half groaning. "We've been at it since December 1 last year, and when you're out of the running for the league and the final four, as Alexander was, training becomes very monotonous."

"The amount of training we do is ridiculous. Part-timers in Scotland train twice a week and professionals train, say, four days a week. We're in the middle."

Pat added that Scottish professional clubs did only a month of pre-season training.

"We do three months in hot weather," said Pat. "It's not necessary. All we'd need is a couple of weeks of hard conditioning and, say, have the Melbourne P.S.L. teams in the Ampol Cup. That way, the players get to be match fit. But doing three months is too much."

Pat urged the Melbourne P.S.L. clubs and the Victorian Soccer Federation to settle their differences over the Ampol Cup format.

"Most players enjoy playing the Ampol Cup games on a Friday and Saturday night at Olympic Park," said Pat. "It's not two hot and the fans always get interested."

"If the P.S.L. clubs were in, there would be even more interest. That game between the P.S.L. and the State League earlier this year wasn't a true indication of the difference between the two leagues. I'm sure the fans would like to see State League teams take on the P.S.L. sides."

P.S.L. club directors take note! Pat has some forthright views on other matters.

"If it weren't for the Greeks," he said, "soccer would be dead in Melbourne. The support they give to the game has kept soccer going. A lot of clubs, like Frankston or Mooroolbark, have or did have very ambitious plans. However, they don't have the support to build up financially."

"We can learn a lesson from Newcastle," he added. "That club has promoted the game properly and is on the way. I don't know if it's lack of promotion that holds back most Melbourne clubs but in any case, the Greek clubs are keeping us going."

And on the question of that well-used cliche 'local talent': "I think it will be five to 10 years before Australian Juniors will come through into the senior ranks with any great force. Sure there are a couple of outstanding juniors coming through now (Pat mentioned Eddie Krcevic of Essendon Croatia and George Christopoulos of Hellas), but still clubs would be better off importing players from overseas."

"The junior game is picking up but we've got a long way to go before we crack the Aussie Rules stranglehold."

"Australia has the potential to be a soccer nation. The people love the outdoors and are naturally athletic."

And what about more current events?

"Obviously the Philips Cup is our aim," said Pat, "and I reckon we can win it. Hakoah is the dangerous team, but we'll have a bit of a lay off while they're involved in the top four competition."

"Winning the Cup would make up for our disappointing showing in the league. I honestly thought we could have won it after our good form of last season. We didn't even reach the final four, so the Cup's our big hope."

And what of Bannon's future in soccer after his playing days are over?

"I'd like to get into coaching," he said. "I've thought about going for my coach's badge and would like to do the course soon. I wouldn't want to take over a national league team at first — probably a State League or First Division outfit."

Apart from being one of the characters of Victorian soccer, Pat Bannon is a fine, dedicated player. It's good to hear that he won't be lost to the code when his playing days are over.

His parting words sum up the man pretty well.

"I really enjoy soccer," he said, "and there are plenty of laughs along the way."

'There's little hope for Menotti's men'



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'Soccer Action' quotes of the year (PART ONE):

"There's little hope for Menotti's men (Argentina) in the 1978 World Cup." — Egidio Basile Grazzi, our South American correspondent. Of course, Argentina went on to WIN the World Cup.

"South Melbourne will definitely finish in the top four." — Bertie Lutton of South Melbourne Hellas, February 9. Bertie was certainly right.

"This sort of thing is ruining soccer in the Metropolitan League. We (Keilor Austria) aren't the only club with this problem. Players everywhere are being greedy and unreasonable." — Fred Csar, Keilor Austria official, on the highly-inflated match payment demanded by two Austria players.

"If people stick their noses in where they don't belong, a coach's job is impossible. You can't run a club that way." — Duncan McKay, now coach of Green Gully, commenting on his sacking by Essendon Croatia. Duncan was only the first of eight Victorian State League coaches to be sacked. Three others resigned.

"I was disappointed being left out of Jim Shoulder's World Cup squad, but looking back, I'm glad I didn't get picked. The approach was so amateurish, the team didn't stand a chance." — Branko Buljevic,

Fitzroy Alexander.

"I don't give a damn what the Press thinks, because most of them have never played soccer and don't know what they are talking about." — Peter Ollerton, then of South Melbourne Hellas, now with Marconi.

"Some of the things the Australian Press threw at me were kids' stuff compared with the things the English Press threw at Don Revie." — Jim Shoulder, Australian team coach.

"I'd like to ask the fans one thing — back us in the bad times as well as when we're winning" — Bill Dumbell, then coach of Preston Makedonia. Unfortunately the fans didn't listen, and during Makedonia's losing streak, Dumbell was sacked.

"Even if I were 20 and just starting my career, I wouldn't want to play for Australia." — Doug Utjesenovic of St. George. The former Soccereroo had unpleasant experiences with the A.S.F., resulting in a legal battle for compensation for injuries Utjesenovic sustained on the Australian team's world tour.

"There's no way I'll play for any other club than Brisbane Lions" — Barrie Fairbrother, the former Millwall, Orient and Mooroolbark striker now with Lions. Two weeks after making that statement, Barrie wanted a transfer FROM Lions.

"Soccer needs a big kick in the

guts at present. It's in a big rut and I reckon Victorian soccer could do with a complete rest for 12 months." — Guy Spiteri, president of Green Gully (Vic.).

"Some mornings my back is so stiff I can't even bend down to put my socks on." — Jim Kriaris of Footscray JUST.

Despite the pain of his back injury, Jim played on and was rewarded with a presentation when he retired after JUST's last game.

"Everyone says it's tough at the top, but it sure isn't easy at the bottom." — Jim Tansey of Fitzroy Alexander, when the Greek club was sitting in last position.

"Helmut Schoen (former West German national coach) could've coached Australia and we still wouldn't have made the World Cup finals." — Jim Shoulder, former Australian national coach.

"I'm going to appeal to the V.S.F. and George Wallace to let us use the ground outside Middle Park. After all, Melbourne is one of the founder members of the Federation and put up 2,000 pounds along with the other founder clubs. Surely they can do us a favour now." — Julius Kubik, official of Melbourne. The V.S.F. showed it had some heart, and let Melbourne play on the ground outside Middle Park, despite it being too small under Federation rules.

QUOTES OF THE YEAR

Dutch want to play in England

LONDON, England manager Ron Greenwood enthused about the introduction of overseas players when he spoke at the launching of the 1978-79 Rothmans Football Yearbook.

"Talk of not granting other players work permits is a head-in-the-sand attitude. We have three here, it's about time we had 33," said Greenwood.

"I went to see Ardiles and Villa

feeling of pre-match excitement in the crowd was almost unbelievable.

"I have not felt such expectation since the days of Matthews and Finney."

"Greenwood said he felt there would be a lot more foreign players coming into the league, both from overseas countries such as Argentina and common market countries like Holland.

"The Dutch in particular are eager to play here. They have a high regard for English Football. We set the standard but now we have got to open our minds and see what

aspects of their game we can emulate."

"Bobby Robson, who has added Dutch midfield player Arnold Muehren to his FA Cup-winning team, received one of the Rothmans awards from his overall contribution to the game last season."

Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish and Everton's 30-goal ace Bob Latchford were also honoured together with Nottingham Forest captain, John McGovern, Rangers skipper-turned-manager John Greig and non-league surprise team Billericay Town.



These are the goalscorers and players ratings (based on the JAT award) for each of the Philips League clubs. Note: only appearances of at least 35 minutes have been included.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

20-26 Matches:

7.4 B. Nyskohus (26 m),
7.3 J. Nyskohus (24),
Northcote (23).

7.1 Marshall (22),
7.0 Perin (24), Lister (25).

10-19 Matches:

7.2 Deans (10), Muir (10),
6.9 Besir (18), Marocchi (16), Muniz (14).

6.8 Matti (12), Marve (12),
6.5 Yung (19).

1-9 Matches:

7.8 Kolecki (5),
7.0 Fyfe (3),
6.8 Rigby (5),
6.6 Romanowicz (7).

6.3 Dance (3).

6.1 Melita (6).

6.0 Kosmina (4), Russo (2).

5.5 McClusker (2).

Goalscorers:

7 J. Nyskohus,
5 Marocchi, Deans, Perin.
4 Northcote.

3 Kolecki, Muir, Muniz.

1 Melita, B. Nyskohus.

o.g. Grosse (St.G.).

BRISBANE CITY

20-26 Matches:

7.16 Perry (25),
7.1 Tokesi (23),
6.9 Gaffney (26),
6.8 Wishart (24),
6.6 Caldwell (21),
6.2 Echeverria (20).

10-19 Matches:

7.1 Conner (14),
6.9 Pimblett (17), Coyne (13).

6.8 Marley (18), Kibbey (18).

6.5 Iozelli (11), Rathmell (10).

6.2 Lavelle (11),
5.8 Johnston (11).

1-9 Matches:

7.1 Kelso (8),
7.0 Barlow (2),
6.8 Ratcliffe (5).

6.4 Fagan (8),
6.3 Brusasco (3).

6.0 Wallace (1), Clark (1).

5.5 Ibanez (2).

Goalscorers:

6 Marley,
5 Caldwell, Kelso.

3 Echeverria.

2 Conner, Gaffney, Coyne.

1 Lavelle, Perry.

o.g. Mason (Newc), Rujevic (Footh.JUST), B. Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve).

BRISBANE LIONS

20-26 Matches:

7.3 Hermiston (26).

- 7.1 Lownds (22),
7.0 Bennett (23),
6.9 Potter (26),
6.7 Hughes (25),
6.3 Laszlo (20),
6.2 Neale (18).

10-19 Matches:

- 7.0 Amos (16),
6.9 Niven (19),
6.8 Fairbrother (17), Ontong (12).

1-9 Matches:

- 7.0 Lawrie (1),
6.3 McKenzie (4),
6.0 Venables (4),
5.8 Ogden (4).

Goalscorers:

- 9 Hughes,
5 Fairbrother,
4 Neale,
3 Laszlo, Morris, Hermiston,
2 Spearritt, Amos, Ontong,
1 Potter,

o.g. Thomson (Hak), B. Nyskohus (Ad.C.Juve).

CANBERRA

20-26 Matches:

7.5 Henderson (26),
7.4 Starke (24),
7.2 Tilised (24).

7.1 Byrne (21),
7.0 Grujicic (20),
6.9 Cant (22).

10-19 Matches:

- 8.2 Marinello (11),
7.4 B. Stoddart (17),
7.3 Brown (19),
7.1 Milovanovic (15),
6.9 Heywood (19), Moulis (18), Davies (18),
6.7 Hogg (15).

1-9 Matches:

- 7.3 Kawaleka (6),
7.0 Salgado (2), Lustica (1),
6.6 Parker (9),
6.5 Lindenmayer (2),
6.0 K. Henderson (1),
5.0 Reis (1).

Goalscorers:

- 9 Grujicic, Byrne,
2 Stoddart, Heywood,
1 Cant, Starke, Marinello,
T. Henderson,
o.g. Hermiston (Br. Lions),
Bennett (Br. Lions).

FITZROY ALEXANDER

20-26 Matches:

7.2 Buljevic (20),
7.1 Tansey (25),
7.0 McMillan (25),
Campbell (25).

6.7 Bannon (25), Provan (24).

6.6 Cole (25), Bozikas (21),
6.5 Taylor (25),
6.4 O'Reilly (25).

10-19 Matches:

6.7 Blasby (19),
6.2 Micevski (11),
5.9 Selimidis (10).

1-9 Matches:

7.6 Marner (7),
6.0 Trout (2), Hay (2).

Goalscorers:

- 12 Campbell,
11 Cole,
6 Buljevic,
3 Bozikas, Taylor,
1 Trout, Micevski, Tansey,
McMillan, Bannon,

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

20-26 Matches:

7.65 Lujic (23),
7.2 Kondorios (26),
7.1 Rujevic (23),
7.0 Picloane (24), Kriaris (20),
6.9 Ilioski (26), Palinkas (21),
6.7 Ristovski (20).

Goalscorers:

- 6 Lujic,
4 Rujevic, Palinkas,
Picloane,
3 Ristovski, Nicolaides,
1 Kriaris, Vasic, McGuinness,
Kondorios, Ilioski.

10-19 Matches:

7.2 Souness (18),
6.7 R. Smith (11),
6.7 R. Smith (11).

1-9 Matches:

7.5 T. Smith (6),
7.1 Trenter (6),
6.5 Simao (2), DiMelo (2),
5.8 Pezzano (4),
5.0 Illingsworth (3),
Kershaw (2), Townsend (1),
McGuinness (1).

Goalscorers:

- 8.0 Clemente (2),
7.0 Kay (3), Barton (1),
6.5 Tonanez (4),
6.4 M. O'Shea (7),
6.0 Djurisic (6), Holmik (2),
Rendell (1),
5.9 Mendez (8),
5.0 Acosta (1).

HAKOAH-EASTS

20-26 Matches:

7.3 Boland (19),
6.7 Kazi (17),
6.4 Nicolaides (15),
6.2 Vasil (16).

1-9 Matches:

7.6 Ristic (5),
7.0 Belic (1),
6.5 Parrott (2),
6.2 Martin (5),
6.0 O'Hara (7), McGuinness (3).

Goalscorers:

- 12 Campbell,
11 Cole,
6 Buljevic,
3 Bozikas, Taylor,
1 Trout, Micevski, Tansey,
McMillan, Bannon,

10-19 Matches:

7.3 Mullin (23),
7.1 Watson (26), Clarke (23), Barnes (22),
6.8 J. O'Shea (24),
6.6 Grosse (24),
6.5 Harris (24).

Goalscorers:

- 7.2 Souness (18),
6.7 R. Smith (11),
6.7 R. Smith (11).

1-9 Matches:

7.5 T. Smith (6),
7.1 Trenter (6),
6.5 Simao (2), DiMelo (2),
5.8 Pezzano (4),
5.0 Illingsworth (3),
Kershaw (2), Townsend (1),
McGuinness (1).

Goalscorers:

- 8.0 Clemente (2),
7.0 Kay (3), Barton (1),
6.5 Tonanez (4),
6.4 M. O'Shea (7),
6.0 Djurisic (6), Holmik (2),
Rendell (1),
5.9 Mendez (8),
5.0 Acosta (1).

10-19 Matches:

7.9 Campbell (13),
7.4 Reilly (10),
7.2 Hansen (16),
7.0 Kent (13),
6.5 Christopoulos (11),
6.4 Ollerton (12).

Goalscorers:

- 8.1 Evans (7),
7.0 Munro (5), Bergmann (1),
6.5 Nicolaides (2).

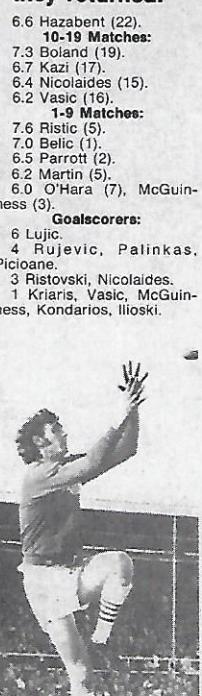
SCORERS AND STARS OF 78



George Campbell (left) and Frank Munro — they greatly strengthened South Melbourne Hellas when they arrived late in the year.



Dixie Deans (left) and Agenor Muniz — Adelaide Juventus improved when they returned.



Clive Eaton — goal machine of Western Suburbs.

Ivo Prskalo — sweeper of Marconi.

Gary Meier — acrobatic goalkeeper of Sydney Olympic.

Ralph Coates — joined St. George from Tottenham Hotspur.

- Goalscorers:**
8 Silva, Campbell,
5 Watson, Stevenson, T. Smith,
4 Barnes, Treter,
3 Souness,
1 Mullen, O'Connor, Thomson,
o.g. Tokesi (Br.C), D. Allan (Syd.Ol), Bennett (Br.Lions), Gross (St.G).

MARCONI

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.6 Vieri (24),
7.5 Rooney (26),
7.3 Degney (26), Sharne (25),
Prskalo (23),
7.0 Maher (26),
6.7 Russell (26),
6.5 Mariani (26).

10-19 Matches:

- 7.4 Richards (10),
6.8 Jankovic (18),
6.6 Jones (18), Byrne (11),
6.2 Ollerton (10).

1-9 Matches:

- 6.6 Salvage (9),
6.3 Williams (6), Berry (3),
6.0 Brogan (6), Ielamo (1).

Goalscorers:

- 11 Vieri,
Jankovic,
6 Sharne, Mariani,
4 Rooney,
3 Richards, Byrne,
2 Ollerton,
o.g. Parrott (Foot.JUST),
Drinkwater (Newc), Wilson (Br.Lions), Neale (Br.Lions).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD.

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.8 Boden (26),
7.3 Summerscales (26),
7.1 D'Ando (26), Drinkwater (26), Curran (25),
6.7 Galpin (21),
6.6 Mason (26), Willis (25).

10-19 Matches:

- 6.7 Tredinnick (11),
6.5 Aney (16),
6.3 Hardes (13),
6.1 Endacott (16).

1-9 Matches:

- 8.0 Charlton (1),
7.3 Mountford (9),
7.0 Johnson (9),
6.5 Senkalski (2),
6.2 Sneddon (8),
6.0 Bellamy (1), Catalowski (1).

10-19 Matches:

- 5.0 Kay (1), Turnbull (1),
14 Boden,
3 Mason, Galpin, Curran, Drinkwater,
2 Mountford, Summerscales, Endacott,
o.g. Harris (St.G.).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.2 O'Connor (23),
7.0 Cox (23),
6.9 Morgan (25),
6.8 J. O'Shea (24),
6.6 Grosse (24),
6.5 Harris (24).

10-19 Matches:

- 7.6 Coates (10),
7.1 Utjenesciovi (19),
6.6 Jones (15), Gnavi (13),
6.5 Hensman (17),
6.4 Terry (18), R. O'Shea (12).

1-9 Matches:

- 8.0 Clemence (2),
7.0 Kay (3), Barton (1),
6.5 Tonanez (4),
6.4 M. O'Shea (7),
6.0 Djurisic (6), Holmik (2),
Rendell (1),
5.9 Mendez (8),
5.0 Acosta (1).

Goalscorers:

- 11 O'Connor,
7 Hensman,
6 Morgan,
3 J. O'Shea, Coates,
2 Jones, Grosse,
1 R. O'Shea, Gnavi,
Djurisic, Mendez, Terry, Utjenesciovi,
o.g. Wills (Newc).

ST. MELBOURNE HELLAS

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.3 Lutton (22),
7.2 Baxter (25),
7.1 Kalafatidis (23),
7.0 Cummings (22),
6.9 Pye (25),
6.8 Rogers (26), Wright (23),
7.9 Campbell (13),
7.4 Reilly (10),
7.2 Hansen (16),
7.0 Kent (13),
6.5 Christopoulos (11),
6.4 Ollerton (12).

10-19 Matches:

- 7.9 Campbell (13),
7.4 Reilly (10),
7.2 Hansen (16),
7.0 Kent (13),
6.5 Christopoulos (11),
6.4 Ollerton (12).

1-9 Matches:

- 7.0 Drewes (2),
6.9 Lachowicz (7),
6.8 Dodds (5),
6.3 Noble (9), Samuels (3),
6.0 Ankudinoff (3),
5.7 Campbell (4),
5.0 Davis (1).

Goalscorers:

- 14 C. Eaton,
9 Fisher,
4 Vernon,
3 Harding, Scott,
2 Turnbull, Stone,
1 Samuels, O'Donnell,
Harding,
o.g. Perry (Br.C).



- 6.2 McGuinness (6),
6.0 Kakantonis (3),
5.0 Kyrgialoureas (1),
4.0 Vaughan (1).

Goalscorers:

- 10 Cummings,
7 Ollerton,
6 Evans,
5 Christopoulos,
4 Rogers,
3 Campbell,
Hagegeanouli,
1 Wright, Kent, Kalafatidis,
Baxter,
o.g. O'Connor (St.G.),
Starke (Can.).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.2 Meier (22),
7.1 Ainslie (22),
6.8 Laing (26),
6.7 Jamieson (23),
6.6 Cross (24),
6.5 McIntosh (23).

10-19 Matches:

- 7.0 Bell (11),
6.6 Markland (19),
6.5 Wilson (16), Luckett (14),
6.3 Palmer (15),
7.6 Davourlis (8),
7.5 Coton (2),
6.7 Pirie (7),
6.4 G. Allan (9), Senkalski (7),
6.1 Stravopoulis (7),
6.0 Karakostas (3),
Raskopoulos (1), Karaspyros (1),
5.6 Botham (3),
5.5 Thamnids (2), Constantiou (2),
5.0 Herron (1).

Goalscorers:

- 6 Pirie, Ainslie,
5 D. Allan, McIntosh,
3 Senkalski, Jamieson, Lavington,
1 Wilson, Davourlis, Bell.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

- 20-26 Matches:**
7.7 McGachey (26),
7.6 Kampas (20),
7.5 Boyle (25),
7.4 Jones (25),
7.2 Crook (26),
7.1 McGregor (24),
7.0 Honeyman (25),
Reynolds (24), Bozanic (23).

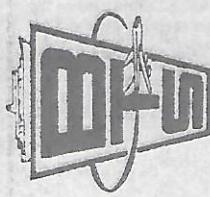
10-19 Matches:

- 7.4 Pillans (13),
6.9 Tymczyszyn (16),
6.6 Norris (18),
7 Carruthers (5), Service (2),
6.5 Partelis (2),
6.0 Zivkovic (2), Batchelor (2), McCulloch (1),
5.9 Zervas (9),
5.8 Vagianos (5).

Goalscorers:

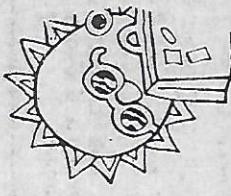
- 7 McGregor,
5 Honeyman,
4 McGachey, Boyle, Norris,
Jones, Bozanic,
2 Kampas,
1 Carruthers, Tymczyszyn,
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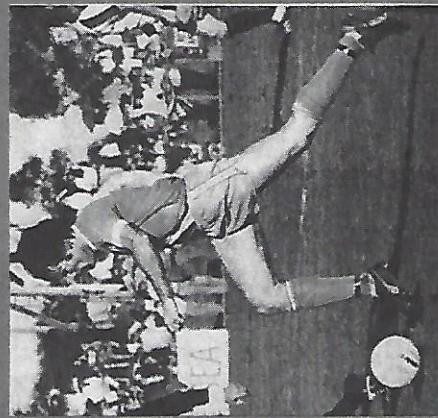
TEAM OF THE YEAR



This is 'Soccer Action's' Team of the Year, based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Note: Only players who played a minimum of 20 games have been included.

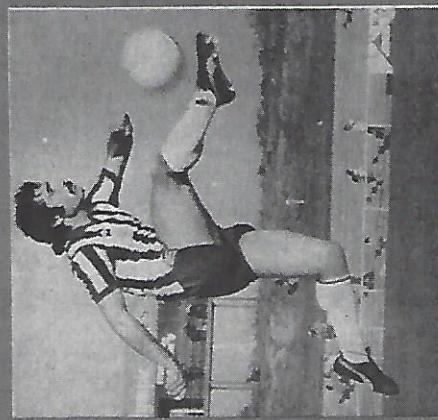
Last year's Team of the Year was:

| | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Marty CROOK (W. Adel, Hellas) | Jim HERMISTON (British Lions) | Peter WILSON (West Suburbs) | Barry REYNOLDS (W. Adel, Hellas) |
| Mike PYE (St. Melb. Hellas) | Ray RICHARDS (Marconi) | Murray BARNES (Hakoah) | Jimmy ROONEY (Marconi) |
| Jim | Joe WATSON (Hakoah) | Terry SMITH (Hakoah) | Branko BULJUEVIC (Flitz, Alexander) |
| | | | |
| Marty CROOK (7.32) (W. Adel, Hellas) | 7.2 Tlised (Canberra) | | |
| 7.18 Meier (Olympic) | | | |



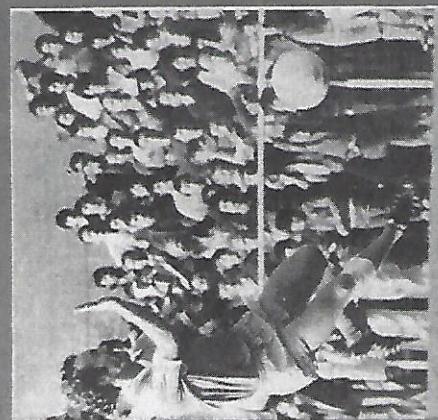
Paul DEGNEY (7.3)
(Marconi)

7.08 Curran (Newc.)
7.08 Tansey (Alex.)



Con KAMPAS (7.6)
(W. Adel, Hellas)

7.36 Jones (W. Adel) 7.37 Starke (Can.)
7.36 Henderson (Can.) 7.37 Summerscales (Newc.)
7.36 Meier (Olympic)



Steve PERRY (7.76)
(Brisbane City)

7.36 Jones (W. Adel)



Bugsey NYSKOHUS (7.4)
(Ad. C. Juventus)

7.3 Mullen (Hakoah)
6.69 McMillan (Alexander)



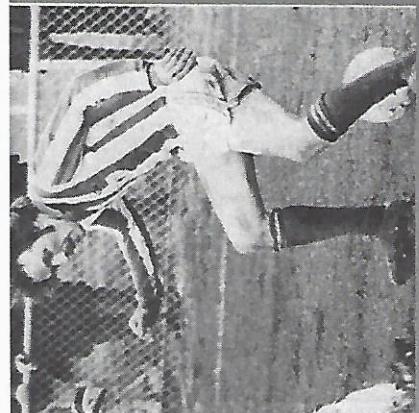
Peter
BOYLE (7.52)
(W. Adel. Hellas)

7.5 Rooney (Marc), 7.3 Northcote (Ad. C. Juve), Lutton (SM-Hellas), 7.1 Stone (West. Sub), Barnes (Hak), Rujevic (Foots JUST), Ainslie (Qly)



Neil
McGACHEY (7.7)
(W. Adel. Hellas)

7.5 Rooney (Marc), 7.3 Northcote (Ad. C. Juve), Lutton (SM-Hellas), 7.1 Stone (West. Sub), Barnes (Hak), Rujevic (Foots JUST), Ainslie (Qly)



Peter
SHARNE (7.32)
(Marconi)

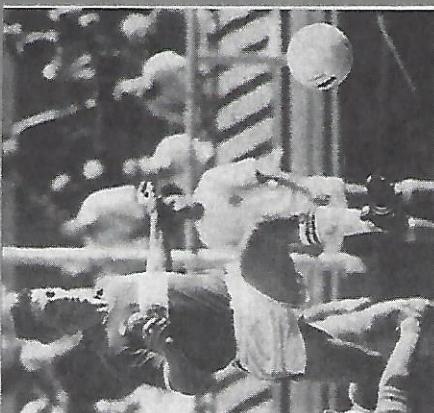
7.29 J. Nyshohus (Ad. C. Juve), 7.22 O'Conor (St. G.)



Roberto
VIERI (7.62)
(Marconi)



Ken
BODEN (7.8)
(Newcastle)
7.1 Byrne (Can),
7.0 Cummings (SM-Hellas)



Zdravko
LUJIC (7.65)
(Footscray JUST)
7.2 Buljevic (Alo),
7.1 McGregor (W. Ad. Hellas)



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MOE UNITED TOP AGAIN

Letro Valley (Vic) club Moe United celebrated its 25th anniversary this season by winning the senior league championship for a record fourth consecutive year.

The reserve side also celebrated on a high note by winning the league championship for the fourth time in five seasons.

The club's record over the past few seasons is:

SENIORS:
League champions 1975-76-77-78.
Battle of Britain Cup Winners 1976-77.

Charity Bowl Winners 1977
Six-A-Side winners 1977
Joe Hutchison Trophy winners 1978.

RESERVES:

League champions 1974-76-77-78

Shopwell Trophy winners 1977

Charity Bowl winners 1976-77-78

Joe Hutchison Trophy Winners 1978.

The club also fields two U/18 teams, two U/12 teams, one U/9 team, one U/14 team, one U/16 team and one U/10 team.

With more than 140 registered boys playing each week, the club is looking to apply for Provisional League competition next season.



Moe United reserves, standing, from left: L. Stanbury (Coach), C. Vella, B. Mason, R. Umbrasas, M. Borg, B. Walton, K. Murdoch, R. Duljas. Kneeling: L. Polo, P. Spiteri, J. Wakker, I. Lindsay (Ass. Coach), R. Borg, J. Meli.

Moe United Seniors, Standing (Left to right): L. Stanbury (Capt/coach), R. Ancillieri, H. Raun, W. Brand, D. Mason, I. McGarrity; Kneeling: M. Ancillieri, J. Gauci, J. Henderson, B. McGarrity, J. Cardona, I. Stanbury.

Custodian of the peace



Sunshine City (Vic) goalkeeper John Scholten graduated last week as a Police Constable.

He is pictured (right) being congratulated by Const. Ian Bunn, the Dux of the Squad.

Juventus to celebrate its 30th anniversary

Victorian State League club Juventus will have its 30th anniversary ball at the Royal Ballroom, Exhibition Buildings, on Saturday October 21 from 7.30 pm.

Specially struck commemorative medallions will be presented to former players and committee members.

The judging of Miss Juventus of Trentennio will also take place at the ball.

JUVE COACH IS LEAVING

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

JUVENTUS 0 — PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (McMillan 87th min.)

JUVENTUS: Terzini 7, Della Rocca 6, Walker 7, Pfisterer 6, Sabidini 6, Smith 7, Sannicoll 5, C. Lucchesi 6, Watkins 7, Peponiadis 6, (Sabidussi 73rd min.), Holton injured (J. Lucchesi 6, 29th min.).

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 7, Petrovski 6, Hooper 6, Lesibrel 7, Beech 8, McGifford 5 (Blashevski 60th min.), McMillan 6, Bernard 7, Glennon 6, Hallam 5 (McMillan 80th min.), Fawkner 7.

Juventus will soon be looking for a new coach for the fourth time in 12 months.

Present coach Reno Vitti has been offered a lucrative three-year contract to coach a West Australian State League club, and will move to Perth in January.

Juventus spokesman Rococo De Zio said the club will look for a top coach in the local scene.

Vitti has been largely responsible for the revival of Juve after the Italian club's dismal performances earlier in the season.

Against Makedonia, Juventus played equally as well as its opponents but was robbed of both points by an opportunity goal substitute George McMillan three minutes before time.

Before McMillan's effort, Juve had the better goal scoring chances, but woeful finishing proved costly.

However, Makedonia also had several good chances to score in what was a very even, attacking game.

Being sunk in the dying stages spoilt the festive atmosphere in the Juve camp.

Earlier, Juve had staged two junior exhibition games (results not available) — Juventus 0 Fawkner 0, under-16 Juventus 1 Fawkner 2 and paraded all its junior teams before the main match.

To add a bit of glamour, Maria Malolo, an entrant in the Miss Juventus quest, kicked off the main match dressed in Juve strip. The slender-legged blonde is sponsored in the quest by the Alba Coffee Lounge.

After the game Vitti said that had Juve taken its chances, the team would have won by the same margin as when Juve last met Makedonia — four goals.

"It's disappointing to play well and lose," he said. "If you play badly and lose there are no complaints, but the boys do it the wrong way."

The villain as far as Juve is concerned was John Lucchesi. Conservatively, he missed two easy goals.

Chris Peponiadis and Claude Lucchesi also missed good opportunities.

Man of the match was Steve Beech, the Makedonia left back. He played with great determination in both attack and defence. On many occasions he overlapped on the left flank and ran strongly when on the ball.

He restricted Juve dangerman Mick Watkins, giving the blond winger and other Juventus players little time to settle on the ball. Many of the Juve players were frustrated by Beech's niggling challenges.

Other good players were Steve Walker, Charlie Smith and Watkins for Juventus, and Jeff Fawkner, Eric Lesibrel and John Bernard of Makedonia.

Juve started the game confidently, pushing the ball around and building up moves with mainly short passes.

In contrast, Makedonia used the long ball well, and was most dangerous breaking out of defence. Fawkner and Bernard often found space on the flanks to receive the ball.

However, Makedonia's forward line had Paul Hallam and Chris Glennon doing very little.

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Juve experimented, playing reserve centre forward Chris Peponiadis in a bid give the team's attack a player who can score goals.

The 18-year-old was substituted in the second half, but showed enough to suggest that he may be a useful Juve side in seasons to come. Juve's Jim Symington and Preston's Tom Brewerton were both ruled out with leg injuries.

Preston coach Eric Lesibrel moved into the back four, and Bernard came into the midfield.

Juve had Serge Sabidini back after suspension, and he took Symington's place.

However, Juve lost John Holton after half an hour with an ankle injury.

Fawkner had the first strike at goal when he robbed Uri Pfisterer, but his shot was held by Robert Terzini.

Makedonia intercepted several Juve crossfield passes in the first half, and had the Italian side in trouble. One Symington, who didn't come into the game until midway through the second half, gave the ball to Fawkner who slipped it wide to Bernard. His shot from an acute angle was saved by Terzini.

Makedonia had more of the general play in the first half but failed to crack open the Juve defence.

Juve, however, was more impressive going forward and looked more likely to score.

Soon after half time, Juve had a great chance to go into

the lead. A long clearance by Terzini, helped on by a tail wind, caught the Makedonia defence back pedalling. Watkins nipped in between Gary Hooper and the advancing Peter Laumets, and his challenge saw the ball run loose to Peponiadis. With Laumets out of goal, he shot, but it was blocked by the lead.

Then came a sustained period of Makedonia pressure. First Glennon headed just over from Fawkner's cross, then Hallam got in behind the Juve backline, only to waste his cross.

However, none of the Preston attempts at goal were as clear-cut as the one which fell to John Lucchesi at the other end.

Smith played an excellent ball in the direction of the far post, giving Lucchesi space inside the Makedonia area. However, his shot was weak, and Peter Laumets would've had more trouble with a pass-back.

However, Makedonia answered with a rush on goal. In the 67th minute, Pfisterer fluffed a clearance which let Fawkner in. In the confusion that followed, Smith kicked a cross off the line.

A good Juve move in the 75th minute ended with Laumets making a good save from John Lucchesi. Before that finish, Watkins and Smith had worked well on the right

before Smith sent over a cross with a bicycle kick. Substitute Bruno Sabidussi then fed the ball to John Lucchesi after Lucchesi had won it in the air.

John Lucchesi's best chance to score came soon after. Sabidussi did well to rob Lesibrel of the ball, and that allowed Watkins to collect and run through. It was a two against one situation, with Hooper being the only Makedonia defender in sight.

Watkins played a perfectly timed pass to John Lucchesi who had only Laumets blocking the way to goal. However, Laumets rushed out and Lucchesi tried to dribble around him. Unfortunately for Juve, Lucchesi was forced wide and this allowed Makedonia to hurriedly re-organise and clear the danger.

Then came Makedonia's killer goal. Walker and Pfisterer got themselves into a muddle with McMillan on their hammer. Pfisterer went to clear the ball but only succeeded in cannoning the ball against the on-rushing McMillan.

The Juve players watched in shock as the ball travelled over the stunned Terzini and into the net. McMillan, to his credit, had presented the Juve defence but even Makedonia supporters would have to admit a lot of luck was involved. — KYLE PATTERSON.

Baker marshalls Hakoah victory

FRANKSTON CITY 0 HAKOAH ST. KILDA 3 (Clarey, Gibson, French).

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannon, Gillespie, Irvine, Williamson (Fox), Taylor, Parrot, G. Bannon, Tulloch, McGregor, Eadie (Webster).

HAKOAH: Whitehead, Owens, Baker, Dosen, Valli, Gibson, Gadsby, Blair, Clarey, French, Nagy.

Hakoah has finally been given the seal of approval from hard-to-please coach Frank Micic.

The former Footscray JUST veteran ran into trouble with the Hakoah committee for his public criticisms of his team but has changed his tune over the past weeks, praising his players.

However, Hakoah is being frustrated despite the team's excellent displays. The Jewish-backed club has won five games in succession, yet is not certain of holding its place in the top four.

George Cross (23 points)

could displace either Hakoah or Slavia (both 24 points).

What can you say about Frankston? The Baysiders promised so much this season but have produced so little. Without a doubt, Frankston is the top of 1978.

Hakoah had many good players against Frankston, but the team's success owes a lot to skipper David Baker. The evergreen centre back marshalled the side very well, and kept Hakoah on the right track.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Frankston pumped high balls forward but didn't support front runner Gordon McGregor, who, to his credit, tried hard for 90 minutes.

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Ian Gibson — played well in Hakoah's midfield.

State League team of week

BANOVIC (Ctg)

DIXIE (Sun) BAKER (Hak) PATTEN (Gully) BEECH (Mak)

SHORT (Slavia) DAVIDSON (Altona) GIBSON (Hak)

CULLEN (Geo) MacGREGOR (Franks) FAWKNER (Mak)

Player of the week

DAVID BAKER of Hakoah is the State League player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at the superb Nickleby's of Carlton.

France draws

PARIS — France and Sweden drew 2-2 in a European Championship Group Four Match here (halftime 0-0).

Scorers: France — Berdell, Six. Sweden — Nordgren, Larsson.

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RINGWOOD CITY v CROATIA

3 Banovic (Cro)
2 Cummings (Cro)
1 O'Callaghan (Ring)

SLAVIA v ALBION

3 Short (Slavia)
2 Grecian (Alb)
1 Davidson (Alb)

FRANKSTON CITY v HAKOAH

3 Baković (Hak)
2 Gibson (Alb)

GREEN GULLY v GEORGE CROSS

3 Cullen (Geo)
2 Patten (Geo)
1 Mirza (Geo)

JUVENTUS v MAKEDONIA

3 Bech (Mak)
2 Fawcett (Mak)

SUNSHINE CITY v ALTONA CITY

3 Davidson (Alt)
2 Pocock (Sun)

PROGRESSIVE voting —

21 Yzendoorn (Slavia), Cumming (Geo)

10 Short (Slavia)

17 McLennan (Mac)

Five games in 14 days

RINGWOOD CITY 0 — ESSSENDON CROATIA 2

(Kerr, Krnecic).

RINGWOOD: Wilding, Pasman, Carnaby, Garthwaite, Verners, O'Callaghan, Barber, Coulson (Van Leuveren), Adams, Luyten, Thom.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Murphy, Andrews, Lesan, Kerr, Cummings (Vojtek), Krnecic, Davidson (Culina).

Essendon Croatia is about to begin a hectic fortnight which will have a big say in how many honors the State League champion ends up with.

During the two week period, Croatia will play five games if all goes according to plan.

The Essendon club's schedule is — Sunday September 10 v Frankston (State League championship), Wednesday (night) September 13 v Frankston (Dockey Cup quarterfinal), Sunday, September 17 v Green Gully (State League championship). If Croatia wins its Dockerty Cup quarter final, it will play a semi final on Wednesday (night) September 20, and its Phillips Cup quarter final on Sunday September 24, against Adelaide City.

But if Croatia loses to Frankston in the Dockerty Cup, the semi finals of the competition will be played on Saturday September 23.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has made a date for the Dockerty Cup semi finals (flexible to prevent Croatia from having to play two games in two days) should the club win against Frankston.

Rothmans goalie of the week

VAKKA BANOVIC of Croatia is the Rothmans goalie of the week. The leading keeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progressive voting, 5 Whiteside (Hak), 3 van der Poel (Alt), Wilding (Ring), 2 Laumets (Mak), Petersen (Franks), Banovic (Cro), 1 Scholten (Sun), Clarke (Slavia), Denys (Gully).

- 15 Whiteside (Hak)
- 14 Cain (Gully), Gardner (Cro), 13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring)
- 12 Cullen (Ring), Kerr (Cro), Blair (Hak), Reed (Geo)
- 11 van der Poel (Alt), McCarthy (Gully), Cullen (Geo)
- 10 Irvine (Franks), Hotson (Juve), 9 Kotsopoulos (Cro), Blair (Ley)
- 8 Banovic (Slavia), Brown (Alt), 7 Danes (Cro)
- 6 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alt), Krnecic (Cro), Paparas (Geo), Mitten (Alt); Davidson (Alt), Patten (Geo)
- 5 Denys (Ajax), Sabidossi (Juve), Walker (Juve), Lesbirel (Mak), Train (Slavia), Lowe (Sun), Banagan (Sun), Paton (Slavia), Cleary (Hak), MacGregor (Franks)
- Petersen (Franks), Ellis (Sun), Adams (Franks), Misraud (Geo), Fawcett (Mak), Pocock (Sun), Williams (Ring), D'Heaton (Geo), Waterson (Alt), R. Nelson (Sun), Watkins (Juve), Adams (Ring), Little (Alt)
- 4 Petrovski (Mak), L. Thompson (Geo), 3 Grecian (Alb), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Carr (Gully), Mussel (Sun), Clarke (Slavia)

- Leading goalscorers:**
- 16 Paton (Slavia)
 - 14 Cleary (Hak)
 - 11 Cumming (Cro), McMillan (Mak)
 - 9 Reed (Geo)
 - 8 D. Nelson (Sun), Krnecic (Cro)
 - 7 Segi (Gully), Mitten (Alt), Cullen (Geo)
 - 6 Vojtek (Cro), MacGregor (Franks), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Tribuzio (Gully), McCormack (Alb), L. Thompson (Geo), Paparas (Geo), Pocock (Sun)
 - 5 Glennon (Mak), Eadie (Franks), Bernard (Mak), Brown (Alb), Mitten (Cro), Carr (Gully), McNamee (Alb), 4 Craig (Hak), Taylor (Alt), Webster (Franks), Glider (Cro), Thor (Ring), Little (Alt), Gibson (Mak), French (Hak)

- All the games listed will be played at Olympic Park. Against Ringwood, Croatia rested Ante Blavac (toe injury) and included Eddie Krnecic, who recently returned from a tour of America with the Australian Schoolboys team.

After an even first half, Croatia scored two goals in ten minutes in the second half to sew up the two points.

However, Goalkeeper Yankovic was called on to make several saves as Ringwood pressed forward.

John O'Callaghan was good for Ringwood, while John Gardiner, Tommy Cumming, Ken Murphy, playing at left back, and Banovic were Croatia's best.

Denys got a knock on the knee in making a save in the 24th minute. He writhed in pain as he received treatment, but played on with a pronounced limp for 20 minutes before failing to emerge for the second half.

His replacement was Victor Magro who, until recently, had been the understudy to former cross keeper Lou Kastner. Before the end of the game, Magro twice provided excellent scoring chances for his forwards. The first, a cross from the right wing was finger-tipped away by Denys.

GREEN GULLY 0 — GEORGE CROSS 3 (Cullen 11th, 50th, Reed 19th)

GREEN GULLY: Denys (Magro 46th), Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Klain, McCarthy, Daniels (Tribuzio 52nd), L. Thompson, Sapi Smith (injured 88th), Carr.

GEORGE CROSS: Mattson, Cutajar, Barron, Webb, Maitland, Wilkinson, Cullen, Castelo, Reed, Mirza, Paparas.

Referee — Joe Slats.

George Cross emerged clear cut winners in front of a good crowd at Green Gully Reserve and now look a dangerous outfit with a good possibility of making the top four competition.

Against Green Gully on Sunday, they were the more direct side and the win never looked in danger after they opened the score in the 11th minute, through a defensive mix-up.

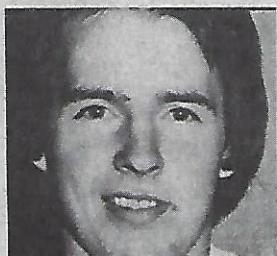
Lou Denys fell to the ground as he cut out a cross. Stan Kiall stroked the loose ball back, but with Denys groping, Robert Cullen was like a bullet to intercept and blast the ball into the net from all of two feet off the line.

Robert Mirza, who seems to play his best matches against Green Gully, gave Ajax little time to recover when, 10 minutes later he dashed down the right-wing, winning a duel with a defender through sheer persistence, before crossing from the line to the centre of the area where Ken Reed, totally unmarked, headed past Denys.

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The second, a corner kick, was headed down by Reed, but with Jim Paparas caught wrong-footed, the danger was cleared.

Within five minutes of the change of ends, George Cross added their third goal. Magro called for the ball from a corner kick without catching it, and Cullen, lying at the far post headed unimpeded into the net.

A few minutes later John Patten kicked off the line from Paparas' shot, and Magro saved Billy Wilkinson's direct free kick.

Gully threatened when hardworking Steve Carr fed Andy Segi and the latter let go a fierce shot from the right which Svez Mattson did nothing to save.

Back in the other end, Tony Castelo was sandwiched between two players and fell to the floor as he was tackled, but despite the Cross supporters' claim for a penalty, referee Joe Slats only awarded a corner kick, from which Cullen headed wide.

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Vicenza holds Rossi for \$2.5m.



Italian superstar Paolo Rossi has stayed with Lanerossi Vicenza after all, despite a strong bid by Juventus.

Rossi started his career with Juventus, which retained 50 per cent ownership in him even after he joined Vicenza, with whom he was the league's top scorer with 24 goals last season, and the top scorer in Series B the previous year.

Once Rossi had proved his value, Juventus tried to get him back but Vicenza rejected every bid.

Vicenza eventually outbid Juventus. It will keep Rossi by purchasing Juventus' share in the star forward for a staggering \$2.5 million.

Zagalo now at Botafogo

Mario Zagalo, who was coach of Kuwait which played against Australia in the World Cup eliminations last year, is now boss of Botafogo of Rio de Janeiro.

Botafogo went 52 games without defeat before losing recently to Gremio (Porto Alegre) 0-3.

Soldiers boxers, flowers and Blokhin

I arrived in Moscow at lunch time Friday, after leaving Khabarovsk in Siberia early the previous Saturday morning (six and a quarter days in the train and every minute wonderful).

When I settled in my hotel, I spoke to an tourist who looked after tourists of all nationalities, and then started the long haul for a ticket for the Soviet Cup final.

We tried for over an hour and finished up with the promise that if I rang after 9.30 am Saturday and if there were any 'knock-backs' I would get first refusal.

Saturday morning was worse. A different lady was on, who wanted to speak only French, German or Russian. Anyway, after a long struggle, they said yes and I had to pick up my ticket at 1500 hours.

I went by taxi to the stadium and from that moment, for the rest of the day, I did not hear a single word of English.

I won't go into the fun and games before I got the ticket around 1615 and finally found my seat.

The preliminaries were spectacular, but went on and on. Parades of motorcycles all carrying red banners, every kind of sporting group imaginable from tiny tots to full grown football teams, gymnasts, boxers, wrestlers, karate and so on. A parade of cars from old to new — some of which looked almost like Cedillac! There were also new lorries and other vehicles.

As the teams came out, fireworks were let off.

In between, there was some magnificently controlled football by Army, Air Force and Navy, with plenty of stirring music throughout.

Morena gets 7

FERNANDO MORENA, Uruguay's best paid player, scored all seven goals in Penarol's 7-0 victory over Huracan Buceo to beat a 31-year-old Uruguayan scoring record set by Nicolas Falero, also for Penarol, who scored six goals in a first division game. Morena also tops the scorers table with 33 goals — one off his own record of 34 goals in a season as Penarol retained their two point lead at the top of the Uruguayan First Division with two matches to go.

From GEORGE YELLAND who took in the Soviet Cup final between Dynamo Kiev and Donetsk as part of his world tour.

Players exchanged bunches of flowers and even the referee got one.

The match started three minutes late, with TV cameras all over the place, photographers everywhere and quite a portion of the 40,000 crowd in some uniform or another. All were seated but there was no cover.

Incidentally, they have a magnificent battery of light on high pylons — 70 angled and reflected globes on each.

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At the kick-off, the inside forward stood in his opponents' half by at least a yard. I saw blatant obstructions and some terrible questioning in go unpunished.

When Donetsk was down 1-2 in the second half of extra time, No. 9 Starokhkin, who was brilliant with his slightly bald head, was blatantly pushed onto his face from behind. The referee waved play-on.

I saw a player who had gone off injured next to the opposing goal, called back while play was in progress and he trotted on from where he had left the field.

There were two things I thought good: When the referee called on a trainer, he came on at the nearest point to the injury. The other: When a disappointed Donetsk team was weakly trailing off at the end, the referee blasted on

his whistle and ordered them back for the presentation (no medals for either team). After all, he is still in command until he leaves the ground. They responded without any argument.

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This upset Kiev who lost some of their early dash and indulged in some questionable tactics.

The referee whistled a lot and wagged his finger but, in fairness, maintained control (perhaps that's why he had a FIFA badge).

When Kiev did get back into it, they used 4-4-2, with No. 8 Oleg Blokhin (No. 11) in attack.

Blokhin was fast and dangerous. Masterly in finding space to move, he went very close many times. Only superb goalkeeping by the Donetsk custodian kept him out.

A bad error on the right defensive flank let Kiev's No. 8 away and he crossed perfectly for Blokhin to judge a header perfectly over the

Rivelino, Zico and sacking talk 'rubbish'

Brazil's coach Claudio Coutinho has made nonsense of two so-called "sensations" of the World Cup.

The first concerned his apparent boycotting of star players Rivelino and Zico and the second was his reported "sacking" by the Brazilian Federation during the Cup finals themselves.

Coutinho says, reports about the incidents were entirely incorrect.

First, he had no argument with either Rivelino or Zico. They missed games only because they were hurt.

In an interview with Keir Radnedge of the English magazine "World Soccer," Coutinho said:

"There were no arguments, no disagreements. That's nonsense, all nonsense. Rivelino is a good friend.

"If I could I would have picked him for every game. I wanted to win. I am not stupid. People should not insult my intelligence. Rivelino is vital — how could I think of leaving out my captain? This was the biggest job in my life. I wanted to win!"

We lost him in the first game, and the truth is that after that, he wasn't fit. Even though he has just been transferred to the Arabs, he still hasn't played a full game since the World Cup. Surely, that proves the point? You can still see that his right ankle is swollen.

"All those stories were started by the Argentine Press. I denied them, but it made no difference. Rivelino was soon a story. The worst time was when they published a picture in which Rivelino was apparently turning his back on me. But it wasn't the way it appeared.

"Rivelino was upset, yes — but not with me, with his injury. He was angry, upset and was cursing at his ankle. But I suppose from a distance, someone watching, would see Rivelino waving his arms about and shouting like a madman, running away from me. And they, no doubt, said: 'There's Coutinho and Rivelino arguing again.' But it wasn't true.

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"And that's what he was trying to carry out after only about eight minutes. He went in on the left wing and I thought he was Kasperczak. He twisted his ankle badly as he went down and the strain on his leg ruptured the muscle in his groin. He hasn't played since.

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keeper, just under the bar into the far corner of the net, after 55 minutes.

From then on it was cut and thrust until 90 minutes, with No. 8 of Donetsk getting the ball, 10 yards out with Kiev's defence in a tangle, and missing a golden opportunity to give his side victory.

Two minutes after the start of extra time (under lights), Blokhin hit a 25-yard drive into the roof of the net like a bullet.

The surprise shot gave the keeper no chance. By the way, the teams went off for 15 minutes before extra time.

Donetsk struggled now.

Both sides made two substitutions, but the leg-weary Donetsk looked less and less like saving the match. In the end, Kiev probably deserved the Cup but I felt sorry for the losers.

The Cup is cut glass on a silver base, with a silver top. Throughout the match, ball boys at either end kept a spare ball on a tripod behind each goal and kept the game moving.

Champs v champs?

Cumberland v West Adelaide Hellas — there is a possibility since both clubs are in the SA Rothmans League and Phillips League respectively.

It would be a great public relations exercise if the match could be staged after both clubs finished their commitments.

I understand Cumberland is interested in staging the match although West Adelaide may not be sold on the idea.

The club has had a long, tough season. Some have played with injuries for several weeks because of the club's title hopes.

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been to see me, it must have been to order the changes and that I was no longer responsible."

Referring to Argentina's qualification for the final ahead of Brazil, which had not lost a single game, Coutinho said he favored a return to the old knock-out system for quarter and semi-finals.

"Then both teams would go into the game knowing they had to produce a result. We would not have all those draws. Remember West Germany against Italy in 1970, or

West Germany against England? That is the drama and excitement the World Cup needs."

Coutinho also said that it was about time Brazil had a permanent, full-time national manager.

"We should not have to put a team together in a hurry just before the World Cup. We should have young teams, maybe an under-23 side. We have the under-20s, but that is too young. And so, we are not making progress fast enough."

Krankl, Tarantini for \$1.3 million

Spanish club Barcelona has paid about \$1.3 million for Austrian striker Hans Krankl and Argentinian left back Alberto Tarantini.

Susic to Croatia



This is Sead Susic, the former Red Star Belgrade forward now playing with Metros Croatia in the North American Soccer League.

Susic was in the Red Star team that played against Celtic, Arsenal and Australia in the international tournament last year.

Elton out

Pop star and soccer club chairman Elton John plans to divorce his wife from the running of his English Third Division Club.

He has told directors of Watford that he is now on a solid financial basis.

"But it's bad that shareholders turn up every year wondering whether I am going to do a bunk or not."

The club will come for the club to stand on its own feet."

Watford manager Graham Taylor hopes he may make a few recruitment bargains now that John has decided to take a back seat.

Taylor says that other clubs always seem to ask for a bit more when they know Watford's financial situation.

Taylor has warned fans not to expect too much from the club's first season back in the Third Division.



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